

Claim Amendments:

Following is a complete listing of the claims pending in the application, as amended:

1. (Currently Amended) One or more computer-readable media having stored thereon a plurality of instructions that, when executed by one or more processors of a computer, causes the one or more processors to perform acts including:

receiving collaborative electronic mail messages targeting one or more recipients, each collaborative electronic message having an author, each collaborative electronic mail message including a feedback portion in which the one or more recipients can each add comments;

indicating, to a computing device corresponding to one or more of the recipients, the receipt of a new collaborative electronic mail message and its author wherein an electronic mail ~~system-client application~~ of the computing device displays an indication of the collaborative electronic mail message that includes the name of the author in a list of electronic mail messages that includes names of senders; and

indicating, to the computing device, a modification to the new collaborative electronic mail message resulting from a comment being added to the feedback portion by a recipient, wherein the electronic mail ~~system-client application~~ of the computing device updates the displayed indication of the new collaborative electronic mail message that includes the name of the author to indicate that it has been modified, without displaying another indication of the new collaborative electronic mail message in the list of electronic mail messages.

2. (Original) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 1, wherein the plurality of instructions further cause the one or more processors to perform acts including identifying, to the computing device, the size of each collaborative electronic mail message, the size of a collaborative electronic mail message including all of the content of the collaborative electronic mail message.

3. (Original) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 1, wherein the new collaborative electronic mail message includes an identifier of a location at an application server where the content of the new collaborative electronic mail message is stored.

4. (Original) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 1, wherein the plurality of instructions further cause the one or more processors to perform acts including:

receiving, from one of the one or more recipients, a reply to the new collaborative electronic mail message; and

communicating the reply to one or more electronic mail servers associated with recipients of the new collaborative electronic mail message.

5. (Original) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 1, wherein the plurality of instructions further cause the one or more processors to perform acts including:

receiving, from one of the one or more recipients, a reply to the new collaborative electronic mail message;

communicating the reply to an electronic mail server from which the new collaborative electronic mail message was received; and

receiving, from the electronic mail server, a modified collaborative electronic mail message that incorporates the reply.

6. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving a request for a new collaborative mail message including an identifier of a creator of the new collaborative mail message;

storing the content of the new collaborative mail message at an application server; and

sending an electronic mail message to each of one or more recipients of the new collaborative mail message, wherein the electronic mail message includes an identifier of the new collaborative mail message at the application

server and wherein the electronic mail message identifies the creator as the a sender of the electronic mail message so that when an electronic mail system client application displays an identifier for the electronic mail message in an electronic mailbox~~the electronic mail message, the electronic mail client application displays the creator as the sender and an indication that the electronic mail message is a collaborative mail message~~the creator is displayed as the sender.

7. (Original) A method as recited in claim 6, further comprising:
receiving a reply to the new collaborative mail message;
modifying the new collaborative mail message in accordance with the reply; and
sending another message to each of the one or more recipients, wherein the message includes an identifier of the modified collaborative mail message at the application server and wherein the message identifies the creator as the sender of the notification.
8. (Original) A method as recited in claim 7, wherein the identifier of the new collaborative mail message and the identifier of the modified collaborative mail message are the same identifier.
9. (Original) A method as recited in claim 6, wherein the identifier comprises a uniform resource locator (URL).
10. (Original) A method as recited in claim 6, wherein the sending comprises sending the message to one or more mail servers associated with the one or more recipients.
11. (Original) A method as recited in claim 6, wherein the method is implemented in an electronic mail server.

12. (Original) One or more computer-readable memories containing a computer program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited in claim 6.

13. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a first electronic mail server to receive a reply to a new-collaborative mail message;

a second electronic mail server communicatively coupled to the first electronic mail server;

an application server, communicatively coupled to the first electronic mail server, to store the content of the ~~new~~-collaborative mail message; and

wherein the first electronic mail server is further configured to forward an electronic mail message including an identifier of the content of the ~~new~~ collaborative mail message, as stored on the application server, to the second electronic mail server, and wherein the electronic mail message identifies the creator of the ~~new~~-collaborative mail message as the sender of the electronic mail message by specifying the creator in a "from" attribute of the electronic mail message.

14-44. (Cancelled)

45. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a data structure, the data structure for storing a conventional or collaborative electronic mail message, comprising:

an indication that the data structure contains a collaborative electronic mail message;

a distribution list field that identifies the recipients of the collaborative electronic mail message;

a content field that includes all of the content of a ~~the~~ collaborative electronic mail message, wherein replies to the collaborative electronic mail message alter the content in the content field; and

a "from" field that identifies an author of the content in the content field.

46. (Original) A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 45, wherein the data structure further comprises a root identifier that identifies an initial collaborative electronic mail message corresponding to the collaborative electronic mail message.

47. (Original) A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 45, a parent identifier that identifies a parent collaborative electronic mail message corresponding to the collaborative electronic mail message.

48. (Original) A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 45, a message identifier that identifies the collaborative electronic mail message.